

Town of Drumheller

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



February 5, 2007 4:30 PM Council Chambers, Town Hall
703 - 2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Bryce Nimmo

COUNCIL:

Karen Bertamini

Don Cunningham

Karen MacKinnon

Sharel Shoff

John Sparling

Terry Yemen

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

Wes Yeoman

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Michael Minchin

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Scott Blevins

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Don Cunningham called the meeting to order at 4:36 PM.

Mr. Stan Schumacher, Q.C. presided over the swearing in ceremony for Mayor and Councillor.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Bryce Nimmo was sworn in as Mayor.

Terry Yemen was sworn in as Councillor

Mr. Stan Schumacher presented the Chain of Office to Mayor Bryce Nimmo. Mayor

Nimmo thanked Mr. Stan Schumacher for taking part in the swearing in ceremony. He also thanked staff for the preparations in organizing the meeting. As well, he thanked the citizens for their support. He stated that he looked forward to working with Council and Administration.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented Larry Davidson, former Councillor with a plaque to commemorate his dedication and hard work for the community.

2.2 Mayor Bryce Nimmo announced the Strategic Business Planning Workshop to be held on February 6th and 7th.

2.3 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation (AIT) in response to the Town's letter from the then Acting Mayor Karen Bertamini inquiring about the upgrades to the remainder of the Hwy 9, west of Drumheller. In his letter, Hon. Ouellette advises that AIT's three-year construction program includes the completion of the Hwy 9 reconstruction from Horseshoe Canyon to Hwy 21. However, due to the scope and complexity of the Hwy 9 upgrades, the work will be phased in order to minimize disruption to highway traffic and to provide contractors with manageable projects. He further advises that the first section to be completed will be from east of Hwy 836, to east of Hwy 840, followed by the last section from west of Hwy 21, to east of Hwy 836.

2.4 Mayor Bryce Nimmo presented a letter from Staff Sgt. Rene Wells, Drumheller Detachment announcing that he will be transferred to Ft. McMurray, Alberta where he will take on the responsibilities of an Operations Support Officer. In his letter, Staff Stg. Wells advises that he has initiated the process utilized by the RCMP to identify candidates that will see the selection of his replacement. He also thanked Council and Administration for the opportunity of working together on a variety of issues over the past two and a half years.

2.5 Mayor Bryce Nimmo proclaimed the week of February 4-10, 2007 as Federation of Canadian Municipality's International Development Week.

2.6 Mayor Bryce Nimmo advised that a motion is required to change the next regular Council Meeting to February 20th, 2007 due to the Family Day Holiday on February 19th.

MO2007.28 Shoff, MacKinnon that the next regular Council Meeting be changed to February 20, 2007 due to the Family Day Holiday on February 19, 2007. Carried.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2007.29 Sparling, Cunningham moved the adoption of the agenda as presented. Carried.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Regular Meeting – January 22, 2007

MO2007.30 Shoff, Sparling moved the adoption of the regular meeting minutes of January 22, 2007. Carried.

5.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission Minutes – January 11, 2007

5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

6.1 Linda Digby provided an overview of the proposal for the Atlas Coal Mine Society. She stated that in 2005, the Atlas Coal Mine Historical Society struck an adhoc committee to envision a sustainable future for the Atlas Coal Mine. This committee comprised representatives from the Town of Drumheller, the Business Development Centre, the Chamber of Commerce, Alberta Economic Development, Alberta Community Development, Travel Alberta, Parks Canada and local business. She further stated that the business and development plan was adopted by the Board of Directors in 2006. She presented highlights of the five year vision, entitled the *Tunnel Vision* which proposed to expand the impact of the coal mine history, as follows:

- The vision proposes to attract new visitors, increase the length of stay for tourists and strengthen Canadian Badlands brand;
- The vision proposes to enrich the coal mining cultural experience, provide a centre of learning, and develop a sustainable operation for approximately 45,000 paying visitors;
- The proposal includes “going underground” by restoring the underground conveyor tunnel and #3 mine terrace, enhancing the mine train ride and cementing the experience by developing an underground visitor centre;
- The total project cost is \$2.7 million with the anticipated sources of revenue from grants – 2.5 m; donations inkind - \$145,000; Atlas Coal Mine - \$200,000 and Community / Corporate - \$200,000.

L. Digby stated that the implementation of the Tunnel Vision will deliver a marketable, sustainable tourism product, strengthen the tourism industry in the Canadian Badlands, preserve a national treasure and touch the lives of thousands of people. She further noted that it will make Drumheller and region a better place to live and visit.

She asked Mayor and Council for a letter of support and support in kind from the Public Works Department for hauling fill, grading, moving materials, GIS, etc. She further advised that in 2011 plans are underway to celebrate the centennial of mining in Drumheller.

MO2007.31 Bertamini, Yemen that Council provide a letter of support for Atlas Coal Mine Historical Society’s Tunnel Vision which supports the initiatives of the Canadian Badlands under the rural development strategy. Carried.

Mayor and Council thanked Linda Digby for her presentation. Councillor Karen Bertamini stated that Atlas Coal Mine has been recognized as the fourth of six tours in the Canadians Badlands Brochure and she thanked the Atlas Coal Society for their efforts in helping to move the Canadian Badlands icon into the future.

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1 CAO

8.1.1 RFD – Appointments to the Drumheller Library Board

R. Romanetz advised that the term of four Library Board members has expired resulting in four vacancies on this board. He further advised that the vacancies were advertised for two consecutive weeks. The Town has received applications from John Shannon, Adrine Giles, Ron Kenworthy and Terry Beaupre to serve on the Drumheller Public Library Board. The Library Board would like Council's approval for an extension to a second term for J. Shannon, A. Giles and R. Kenworthy and a third term for T. Beaupre. He further advised that the Town of Drumheller Bylaw allows for reappointment for a second term but not a third term. In speaking with L. Turner, the Library has updated their bylaws to be consistent with Library Act which allows for a third term however the Town of Drumheller Bylaw 20.87 needs to be brought up to date with the Library Act. He recommended that Council reappoint the four members for a further term as their reappointments are permitted under the Library Act. He further advised that the Library Bylaw should be amended to reflect the new terms in the Library Act.

MO2007.32 Sparling, Shoff that Council approve the appointments of John Shannon, Adrine Giles and Ron Kenworthy for a second term and Terry Beaupre for a third term to the Drumheller Public Library Board. Carried.

8.2 Director of Infrastructure Services

8.3 Director of Corporate Services

8.4 Director of Community Services

8.4.1 RFD – Mobile Vendor Carts

S. Blevins stated that each year Council provides directions to the Community Services Department for the number of sites and guidelines for mobile vendor carts. He presented the RFP and Guide for Mobile Vendors for Council's approval. He further noted that the proposed regulations are very specific and outline what is required from the vendors. He stated that Administration is recommending that Council approve the locations and the number of sites at each location and turn the rest of the process over to Administration to facilitate and approve the vendors. He stated that the locations being proposed are

Centennial Park – maximum two sites; the HooDoo's – maximum one site; and the Swinging Bridge (maximum one site).

He further noted that the proposed regulation is consistent with what was presented to Council last year.

MO2007.33 Bertamini Sparling that Council approve the attached RFP and Guide for Mobile Vendors; and further that Council approve the maximum of two sites in Centennial Park, a maximum of one site at the Hoodoo's and a maximum of one site at the Swinging Bridge; and further that Council authorizes Administration to administer the request for proposals and approve the vendors.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor K. Bertamini advised that in the past Council approved stationary sites with a specific size of the cart and asked if this was the same case. S. Blevins advised that there are restrictions at Centennial Park however a larger cart is permitted at the Swinging Bridge. Councillor J. Sparling asked if there has been any interest expressed at the Hoodoo's site. S. Blevins advised that there were no bids received last year. Councillor S. Shoff asked if the ad in the newspaper specifies an exclusive license, whether the vendor carts are mobile and whether community groups are permitted to have a cart in the park for their events. S. Blevins stated that the term exclusive applies to Centennial Park (Fountain / Spray Park area) only and their vendor areas that are identified. He further explained that the Town has control over the other areas within the park and community groups are permitted to have their own concession for their event if they meet the Health and insurance approvals.

Councillor K. MacKinnon left the meeting at 5:20 PM.

S. Blevins further explained that community groups normally carry their own liability insurance. Councillor D. Cunningham stated that the vendor cart at the Swinging Bridge is a permanent location and seems to be working great.

Councillor K. MacKinnon returned to the meeting at 5:22 PM.

R. Romanetz advised that potable water will soon be available at the Swinging Bridge resulting in improved washrooms. He stated that these improvements may attract additional vendor interest.

Councillor K. Mackinnon asked about the avenue for vendors to appeal. S. Blevins advised that in the Guide for Mobile Vendors, the Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. He further noted that the standard appeal process of an Administration decision would be followed – a written letter to Council outlining the concerns and it would be discussed at the next Committee meeting. In response to a question, S. Blevins stated that

an interview may be part of the process for the acceptance of a RFP for any new vendors. Councillor K. Bertamini stated that Council previously discussed reducing the amount of vendors at Centennial Park due to the busy area. S. Blevins advised that the Town is experiencing problems with getting four vendors so it may be prudent to reduce the numbers at the Centennial Park Site.

Councillor J. Sparling called a point of order as council is not in position to discuss the reduction of numbers when a motion is on the floor.

R. Romanetz advised that the Town previously allowed three vendors at Centennial Park and Council reduced the number to two. R. Romanetz stated that the approval for two vendors appears to be working reasonably well with no complaints received at his office.

Vote on Motion: Carried.

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION (next presentation date April 16, 2007)

- 9.1 CAO
- 9.2 Director of Infrastructure Services
- 9.3 Director of Corporate Services
- 9.4 Director of Community Services

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 DELEGATION DECISIONS

12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

14.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.1 Councillor Karen Bertamini provided an update on the Canadian Badlands Ltd. meeting held on January 26th. She advised that the board has hired the Pommen Group to assist with the hiring of a Director. The application time has closed and a number of inquiries have been made on the posting. She stated that the feedback to date is where the head office will be located – Drumheller is very much interested having the head office located here. She explained that the newly hired Director will be involved in the decision process. She further noted that the Mayor of Lethbridge has indicated their interest to become a member. She stated that as reported earlier in the meeting, Drumheller has its footprint and name on the Canadian Badlands tour brochure.

14.2 Councillor Karen Bertamini – AUMA's Community Infrastructure Meeting Update – tabled until next Council meeting.

15.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER